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Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the title:

Replace "Peptides from β -hCG Fractions of hCG Sources and Therapeutic Methods Employing Such Peptides and/or Fractions" with --Method for Promoting Hematopoiesis--.

In the specification:

Replace the text beginning at page 1, line 3 ("This application is a continuation-in-part. . .") and ending at page 2, line 3 (. . . filed June 24, 1996.") with the following text:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/220,415, filed December 24, 1998, which is in turn a continuation-in-part of the following applications, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference:

PCT/US97/11210, entitled "Treatment and Prevention of Cancer by Administration of Derivatives of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin", filed on 24 June 1998, which is based on and claims priority to the priority following priority documents: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/669,676, filed June 24, 1996, and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/709,925, filed September 9, 1996;

PCT/US97/11209, entitled "Methods of Promoting Hematopoiesis using Derivatives of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin", filed on 24 June 1998, which is based on and claims priority to the priority following priority documents: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/669,654, filed June 24, 1996, and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/709,924, filed September 9, 1996;

PCT/US97/11448 "Treatment and Prevention of Wasting Syndrome Based on Administration of Derivatives of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin", filed on 24 June 1998, which is based on and claims priority to the priority following priority documents: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/669,675, filed June 24, 1996, and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/709,933, filed September 9, 1996;

PCT/US97/11202, entitled "Treatment and Presentation of HIV Infection by Administration of Derivatives of Human Chronic Gonadotropin," filed on 24 June 1998, which is based on and claims priority to the priority following priority documents: U.S. Patent Application No. 08/669,681, filed June 24, 1996, and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/709,948, filed September 9, 1996.--